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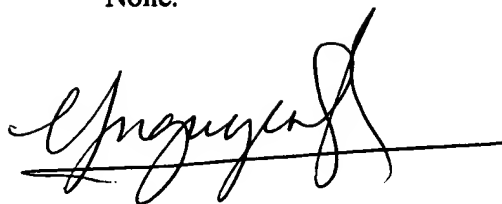
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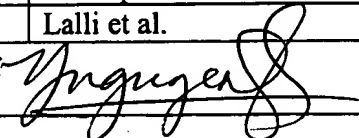
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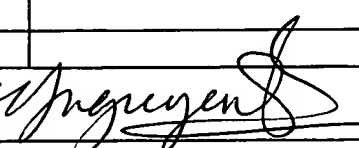
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Applicant respectfully requests that these references be made of record in the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner during prosecution of the application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed is patentable over the listed references.

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